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SUBJECT: BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO UN DESERTIFICA-
TION CONFERENCE.

REFERENCE: HAYNE/LONG TELECON, JULY 24

1. BY REF. TELECON BILL LONG, U.S. COORDINATOR FOR UN
DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE, (NAIROBI, AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER
9) DESCRIBED INQUIRY RECEIVED FROM SALVADOR CAMPOS-ICARDO,
MINISTER-COUNSELOR, MEXICAN EMBASSY, CONCERNING GOVERNMENT
OF MEXICO INTEREST IN CONSULTATION WITH U.S. PRIOR TO
CONFERENCE. SPECIFIC PROPOSAL WAS FOR MEETING IN TUCSON,
JULY 11-22. CONCEPT OF PRE-CONFERENCE CONSULTATION FIRST
SUGGESTED BY MEMBERS OF MEXICAN DELEGATION TO UN WATER
CONFERENCE IN ARGENTINA LAST MARCH. CAMPOS-ICARDO INFORMED
THAT INITIAL DISCUSSIONS IMPLIED A SHORT INFORMAL MEETING,
AND THAT PROPOSED ELEVEN-DAY EVENT PROBABLY COULD NOT BE
ARRANGED GIVEN TIME CONSTRAINTS.

2. BASED ON SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. TECHNICAL
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AGENCIES AND UNIV. OF ARIZONA, FOLLOWING COUNTER PROPOSAL
HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO CAMPOS-ICARDO. INFORMAL CONSULTA-
TIONS COULD BE HELD IN TUCSON, JULY 27, 28, 29, HOSTED BY
UNIV. OF ARIZONA. APPROXIMATELY SEVEN U.S. EXPERTS (OFFICE
DIRECTOR AND TECHNICAL LEVEL) WOULD PARTICIPATE, WITH

SIMILAR NUMBER EXPECTED MEXICAN SIDE. CONSULTATIONS WOULD

COVER FOLLOWING THREE SUBJECTS: (A) STATUS OF COUNTRY PLANNING FOR DESERT CONFERENCE AND IDENTIFICATION OF COMMON INTERESTS AND POSITIONS; (B) REVIEW OF CURRENT UNILATERAL AND BILATERAL COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN U.S.-MEXICO ARID REGIONS; (C) IDENTIFICATION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER COLLABORATION.

3. CAMPOS-ICARDO ADVISED TO NOTIFY MEXICAN OFFICIALS THAT HAYNE IS CONTACT IN EMBASSY. ALSO, THAT U.S. WILL PROVIDE NAMES AND TITLES OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES WITHIN ONE WEEK.

4. ASSUME GOM RESPONSE U.S. PROPOSAL WILL BE RELAYED THROUGH CAMPOS-ICARDO. WILL ADVISE EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY. REQUEST ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MAY HAVE ON SPECIFIC MEXICAN INTERESTS IN DISCUSSION ALONG WITH VIEWS/GUIDANCE. CHRISTOPHER

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